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DR. RAYMOND MAY BECOME TERRITORIAL SECRETARY

Governor Pinkham Will Settle Question When He Arrives Next Week. Horrible Tragedy Caused By Drunken Fool Who Gave False Fire Alarm.



Dr. J. H. Raymond, who may be Hawaii's next Territorial Secretary.

HONOLULU, Dec. 26.—Rumor says that Dr. Raymond will succeed Mott-Smith. But in a wireless relative to reception of Governor Pinkham, the latter refers Democratic Committee to W. R. Farrington, which looks favorable to him for place.

CALUMET, Dec. 25.—When a drunken man shouted "Fire!" in a hall here last night, the audience rushed the narrow doors and, when all was over, seventy-four bodies were found piled up as high as the ceiling. Most of the women and children were smothered, but some were trampled to death. There were 700 people in the hall which was a blaze of lights and Xmas trees. There was no real fire, and the false alarm alone did the deadly work.

Inter-Island Baseball

Punahou Will Play Three Games
On Maui—Home Rooters
Needed.

Should the Punahou ball team arrive on time next Thursday morning or, perhaps, on Wednesday evening, there will be two games of baseball on New Years Day—one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. All Maui will go up against the visitors and a great struggle should eventuate.

On January 2 another game is to be played and on Saturday, the third, possibly another go will be fought out. The Honolulu men will return to "town" on either the Honolulu or the Claudine, which latter vessel, may be held over till five-thirty o'clock in order to take the ball tossers back home.

The greatest interest is being taken in the coming series and there should be a big turn out to see the games at Kahului and at Wailuku. The fans hope for fine weather and, of course, for a clean-cut victory for the All Maui team.

Rev. W. Short Sends Aloha

Maui is not forgotten by the Rev. W. Short as the following will show.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—
"Tis not the weight of jewels and plate
Or the fondle of silk and fur,
It's the spirit in which the gift is rich
As the gifts of the Wise Men were:
And we are not told whose gift was

gold,
And whose was the gift of myrrh!"
Aloha nui! And a Merry Xmas, to you and all my friends on Maui! The "News" looks good from time to time, and brings a warm breath from your sunny chime. We have been frozen nearly, with fogs and mists, no sun for a week! It is "unusual," But just you all come along in 1915, just the same!

We enjoyed our Maui boys' concert some weeks ago very much. Their faces and smiles looked good. We swapped yarns and praised Maui so your ears must have burned!

If you will send my good-will and Merry Xmas to all my friends by means of your ever-ready columns it will save me much time and not forget anyone!

Sincerely Yours,
WM. S. SHORT.

Christmas Day Well Observed

Christmas is over once more and now the people are looking forward to New Year's Day. The anniversary of the natal day of The Savior was observed in the usual manner in Wailuku and the surrounding districts. The churches of every denomination had special services, which were largely attended both in the morning and evening. The Catholics had a midnight mass which also drew a big congregation to the church on Wednesday night.

At the Church of The Good Shepherd there were beautiful services and in the morning the rector, Rev. Charles Villiers preached a sermon that was listened to with the greatest interest. Mrs. Villiers was at the organ and she played selections from the "Messiah."

At the Wailuku Union Church the Rev. R. B. Dodge preached a very fine sermon and one of the largest congregations that has ever been seen in the church, attended. On Sunday last the decorations of the church were very beautiful and the music was appropriate to the Christmas season.

SHRINERS HAD GREAT DAY EVERYBODY WAS HAPPY

Some Candidates Looked Stunning—Sugar Is At Low Price and Many Plantations Will Be Up Against It—Civil Service Commissioners May Change.

(Special Correspondence.)

HONOLULU, Dec. 26.—"What fools these mortals be." That thought came to me last Saturday as I watched the candidates for initiation into the Noble Order of the Mystic Shrine. And there were great goings on that day. Maui had its representative in Supervisor Henning, and what with lugging the board and holding to the rope he had little suction to pull on the cigar he was trying to smoke, the while looking unconcerned. But, deep down in his heart he was thinking of what was to come, just as the others who made up the thirteen were. The story about the flying machine was worked with the skill of a veteran press agent, and even those who had no concern in the initiation felt some alarm at the idea of Tom Gunn taking up inexperienced men, and a very nervous bunch they made. I am told that the man who worried most over the prospects was Buckley of Peacock and Company, but when I saw him he was drawing a bow across some imaginary strings on a fake-violin. He did not appear to be conscious of the danger that was awaiting him by the sea waves. It is said that the scare he nourished in the town was with him to the end, and that it was almost impossible to get him to touch any metals at the point of initiation. What he got when he got it, remains buried in the solid ivories of those who gave it to him.

Charlie Marquez, he of the Office Specialty Co., sat on a seat in an express wagon trying to look indifferent, but those who had conversed with him on occasions before the day, knew that he was still wondering if they would really go above six hundred feet and if the loop the loop was a part of a Shriner's troubles before he could really wear the fez. Opposite to him in the wagon, sat a half dozen young girls whom he was supposed to have led on in the belief that they were to get jobs as stenographers and as they had not landed the job Charlie was labeled the "Confidence Man." As he moved from side to side on the street, one would suppose that the hit to come was already there, and he was trying to find a comfortable spot on which to rest his anatomy. Count Reinicke was a peach dressed in the garb of a Bijou chorus girl, and he walked the street in the line without a smile never once recognizing anyone who smiled at him. There were many who did not recognize in the frivolous and scarce-dressed ballet girl the debonnaire count who is noted for his clothing accomplishments. The whole affair was a success; men who were never known to go into fun with a whole heart, were out on Saturday doing their best to look and feel pleasant. I think they succeeded better in the looking than the feeling.

SUGAR STOCKS.

I was talking to a large holder of shares in Wailuku yesterday and, as was to be expected, the subject of free sugar was discussed. He could not see where the planters of Hawaii would be able to meet any reduction by the curtailment of expenses in the manufacture of the sugar, or the growing of cane. Conditions on Wailuku are such, he

said, that it would be impossible to make any visible reduction in the expense of running the place, and he doubted if the company would be able to pay a dividend for the next twelve months. To those who bought Wailuku at a high figure a year ago, this is depressing; many persons here have their all sunk in that one plantation, and if the prophecy of this man is true, there will be situations looked for. Sugar was reported on Thursday at 3.15, the lowest in the past nine years; in the afternoon there was a cut to 3.12-25. These quotations, and there is a tendency downward, may be taken as a forerunner of what it may be when the tariff is entirely off. Planters here are used to seeing the price drop when the shipments begin, which is the case at present, but looking back over the period I have mentioned, nine years, there is no such drop to be found. I am sure Wailuku is one of the plantations which experts have counted on as being able to weather the storm, but they have counted without their host. Ewa has been storing up a surplus which is now being divided among the holders of the stock. A few of the other plantations are in the same position and the owners are getting a surprise.

CONFIDENCE IN OIL.

It seems to me that the man whose money is in the Matson oil enterprise will come out better than he who has his eggs all in the plantation basket, for it looks now as though the Honolulu Consolidated Oil will go along paying dividends for some time to come. Of course this does not signify that none of the plantations will pay dividends; rather would I say that a few will not. I am told that Mr. Tenney, who is at the head of the big sugar firm of Castle & Cooke, had more confidence in oil than sugar and, for that reason, he has put his money where he believes it will bring him the biggest returns. It is said his interests in sugar are nil and that he holds less than seven shares in Wailuku and none at all in Ewa. This seems unbelievable but I got my information from a man who is a director in both companies.

KLAMP.

In spite of the contemplated departure of Mr. Klamp from the islands, I noticed that he has been elected a director in the Hilo Railroad Company. Whether he is representing the interests of H. Hackfeld & Co., or his own, I am not prepared to say. His successor in the firm has been selected, and the promotion seems to be merited besides it will have an effect on other young men in the house and that will be beneficial.

CIVIL COMMISSION.

I see it is recorded that the Civil Service Commission will be made up of new appointees. The path of the present members has not been a smooth one and, even among themselves, there has been friction. Take the findings in the Kellett matter. I have it from a member that without a word to the others, Chairman Wirtz prepared a report recommending that the defendant be reprimanded and suspended for three months without pay. Kupieha wanted only a reprimand, and

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TWO BALL GAMES THURSDAY AND ONE MORE ON FRIDAY

Honolulu Team Will Arrive On S. S. Honolulu At Daylight—All Games To Be Played At Wailuku—Largest Crowd of Years Expected.

It has been finally decided that the Punahou baseball team will come to Maui on the S. S. Honolulu, which will not sail from Honolulu till ten o'clock on Wednesday evening next. That will allow of the ball players finishing up their work in their various offices and catching the big steamer.

The Honolulu is due to arrive at Kahului at daylight on Thursday morning, and the visitors will have time to have their breakfasts and get out on the Wailuku diamond and warm up for the morning game which is scheduled to start at ten o'clock.

Luncheon will be disposed of and then, at half-past two o'clock, the second game will begin. That should keep the players and fans

busy till after five o'clock.

On Friday afternoon another game will be played and "Play ball" will be called at three o'clock. The game will be the last of the series and the visitors will then make their way down to the steamer and return to Honolulu.

The series of three games will aid people to get a line on the respective merits of the teams, and the Maui fans hope to see the visitors leave for home without a winning notch. Last August the All-Maui team defeated the Punahou outfit after a fine, close game, that was won by the Valley Islanders in the last half of the ninth. That was some game and the fans hope to see something of the same sort on Thursday and Friday next.

All Maui Too Strong

Representative Team Defeats "Rest"
By Score of 5 to 4, After
Good Game.

On Sunday last the All Maui baseball team showed up in its full strength with its proper battery. The consequence was that the representative nine defeated the "Rest" by a score of 5 to 4, after rattling good game. There was a good, big crowd present and the fans kept things going in the rooting line. The All Maui manager, Harold Rice, played right field and distinguished himself by making a brilliant catch, after running for a long way to get under the ball.

The battery for the All Maui was A. Robinson and L. Soares. The combination worked well and, although the margin by which the game was won was only a small one, the win was sufficient to show that the team that will represent Maui next February, is getting into fine shape. For the losers, Bal and DeRogo did well, but the team was not strong enough to wrest the honors from All Maui.

The thoughts of the fans are now all directed to the series of games that will be played during the New Year holidays. Castle's Punahou team is expected here, and the games that they play against All Maui will give the local fans a line on the respective merits of the teams. The Puns have played some good ball lately in Honolulu, and all the Maui fans are anxious to see how the local men will perform against what is regarded as a very strong organization.

Many Merry Xmas Trees

There were Christmas trees in abundance this week and, among those that attracted large crowds, may be mentioned the tress at the Wailuku Union Church and at the Church of the Good Shepherd. They were beautiful and the presents that were attached to them delighted the lucky children who

were invited to take part in the festival.

At the Union Church Mr. M. C. Ayers acted as Santa Claus and he was made up well for the part. He amused the children and carried out his part splendidly. Mrs. Schoening, Mrs. Warner and Miss Merri-man were in charge of the candy bags and Mrs. Carry Weight and Miss Merriman had the children well trained in their songs and carols.

There were many private trees also and the one at the West home on Christmas Eve was a fine one, which was enjoyed by all the little ones and the grownup ones as well. Mr. Leslie West amused the youngsters and they all had a great time.

Students Will Build School

First Vocational Institution To Be
Erected at Puunene By
Boys.

Within a short time from now the first vocational school will be erected at Puunene. The room will be 20 by 30 feet, and the frame will be put up by carpenters, after which the rest of the structure will be completed by the boy students, thus giving them their first training in one line of work that some of them may take up later on in life.

The vocational schools on Maui will be established at Lahaina, Wailuku, Paia, Puunene and Hamakua. Those at Paia, Hamakua and Lahaina are in shape already, as rooms have been secured. At Puunene and Wailuku it is different, as the county will provide the lumber and erect the frames of the buildings.

Mr. Bowman is to be in charge of the vocational work, and he is highly spoken of by people who know him and his work. The vocational school scheme has been mooted for many years but has only now come to a head. The experiment will be watched with interest.

There will be a tennis match at Paia on the morning of January 1. The Paia and Puunene teams will meet and a good contest should result.